IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PCT GROUP

In the Application of: Peter J. Crocker) Title: Needle With Lateral) Aperture
U.S. Serial No: Not Yet Assigned) Art Unit: Unknown
<pre>International Application No.: PCT/GB03/01652</pre>) Examiner: Unknown
<pre>International Filing Date: 16 April 2003</pre>) Attorney Docket:) IPL-005-PCT)
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International (PCT)
Application, which is filed herewith, as follows:

In order to reduce the filing fee, and also improve the form of the claims and thereby expedite the prosecution, please cancel Claims 1 - 72 and substitute new Claims 73 - 144.